

ACB searches five more locations in NIMS DA case

₹4.94 lakh cash, land and plot documents seized in Hyderabad

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THE Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Tuesday continued searches at multiple locations in Hyderabad as part of its investigation into a disproportionate assets case registered against Nori Lakshmi Bhasker, Additional Medical Superintendent/Additional Professor at Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Hyderabad.

The case, registered on September 21, 2026, was booked under Section 13(1) (b) read with Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act. According to ACB, in continuation of the earlier searches, and based on search warrants issued by the Principal Special Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Hyderabad, ACB officials conducted searches on September 29 at five different locations in and around Hyderabad.

"The locations included

the residences of persons suspected by investigators to be benamis, who allegedly had financial and other transactions with the accused officer," said an officer at ACB adding the officer said several documents and other items allegedly connected to suspected benami assets were seized during the searches.

The ACB stated that Rs 4,94,394 in cash was seized from the residence of Dhanraj, an employee of NIMS. Officials also found documents relating to three agricultural land parcels in Maheshwaram, valued at approximately Rs 57 lakh.

Documents relating to an open plot in Venkateswara Cooperative Housing Society at MLA Colony, Banjara Hills, valued at approximately Rs 2.70 crore, were also found during the searches.

Furthermore, the ACB said documents relating to two investments amounting to Rs 20 lakh were found in

the names of D Ganesh, an outsourcing employee of NIMS, and others. Receipts relating to an alleged hand loan of Rs 3 lakh were also found.

The ACB said verification of additional assets is currently underway and that the case remains under investigation.

Earlier during the searches, it found several movable and immovable assets with a total document value of around Rs 6.13 crore. The properties include a four-bedroom flat, two three-bedroom flats, five two-bedroom flats, and four open plots and one open plot in Andhra Pradesh.

The ACB also found bank balances of about Rs 41 lakh, post-office deposits of Rs 12 lakh, and investments of Rs 35 lakh in private financial and mutual funds of about Rs 29.55 lakh. ACB officials also identified approximately 517.8 grams of gold ornaments, besides four-wheelers, including a Jaguar, Audi,

KTR targets Cong over Singareni workers' bonus

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STATING that Singareni Collieries Company Limited represents a vital source of wealth for Telangana, BRS Working President KTR on Tuesday criticized the Congress government for undermining the organization and trampling upon worker welfare. In an open letter addressed to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, KTR asserted that despite three years having passed since assuming power, the administration completely failed to fulfill electoral commitments made to the mining workforce. He expressed severe concern over the government approach regarding Dasara bonus payments, alleging that workers who generate thousands of crores in profits are being denied their legitimate share.

Detailing financial discrepancies, KTR highlighted that in the 2023-24 financial year, Singareni generated a net profit of Rs 4,701 crore, from which a 33 per cent share equalled Rs 1,551 crore. However, only Rs 796 crore was disbursed to workers, marking a substantial reduction in legitimate dues. Similarly, despite net profits reaching Rs 6,394 crore in the 2024-25 financial year, workers received



only Rs 819 crore as profit bonus. KTR emphasized that accumulated profit bonus dues for the 2023 to 2025 period total Rs 2,342 crore, demanding immediate payment to eligible employees.

He further noted that the state enterprise faces severe financial strain due to outstanding dues of approximately Rs 60,000 crore owed by power utilities Transco and Genco. Expressing alarm over reports that the company might require bank loans to meet monthly salary obligations, KTR raised serious questions regarding the future stability of the public sector unit. The BRS leader firmly demanded that the Chief Minister refrain from selling Singareni equity shares, questioning why disinvestment is being contemplated when the organization requires institutional strengthening. Concluding his demands, KTR insisted that Singareni workers must be granted a profit share exceeding 36 per cent based on actual financial returns.

Khatik Samaj Pragati Sammelan 0.2 begins

HYDERABAD: The two-day Khatik Samaj Pragati Sammelan 0.2, a Citizen Service Camp was started on a grand note with over 500 persons utilised services like Aadhaar, MeeSeva, Voter-ID, PAN and others at the AK Bhavan in Chandanwadi in Goshamahall on Tuesday. The camp has been organised by the Telangana Khatik Samaj City Committee in Collaboration with the Are Khatika Suryavanshi Sangh, Chaknawadi, Goshamahall to provide public awareness, assistance and guidance regarding various government and public utility services, including Aadhaar, MeeSeva, Voter ID, PAN, GHMC services, LIC, health awareness, Ayushman Bharat/PM-JAY and Rajiv AarogyaSri guidance, banking services, financial literacy, home-loan guidance, government welfare schemes, employment and career guidance and other public utility services, subject to applicable eligibility and departmental procedures. According to the organisers, over 500 people had utilised the services.

Committee leaders Netikar Premal, Netikar Mohanlal, Gogikar Narsing Rao, Bichukarini Surya, Are Khatika Suryavanshi Sangh, Goshamahall committee President D Gopal, Hyderabad City President Gogikar Rajesh, General Secretary Kamblekar Sandeep Kumar, Jamalpur Sai Baba, A Gangaram, U Narsing Rao, DK Manish, Pantulu Rakesh and others were present.

Science City in Kolkata wows visitors with a raft of wonders

Interactive exhibits, immersive technologies and hands-on experiences turn scientific concepts into engaging learning

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INTERACTIVE exhibits, immersive digital technologies and hands-on demonstrations are transforming the way scientific concepts are communicated to the public. Science City in Kolkata has emerged as a major centre for experiential science learning.

A media delegation from Telangana, which visited Kolkata as part of the five-day PIB Hyderabad media tour, explored various facilities at Science City and witnessed how science, technology and entertainment are combined to encourage curiosity and scientific enquiry among visitors of different age groups.

The delegation was briefed on the activities and facilities of Science City by Rajib Nath, Director (Hqrs), National Council of Science Museums (NCSM); Manoj Kumar Panda, Principal Curator, Science City, Kolkata; and Satyajit N Singh,



PRO, NCSM. Rajib Nath explained the evolution of the science museum movement in India and the role played by the NCSM in popularising science.

He said the organised science museum movement began with the Birla Industrial and Technological Museum (BITM), Kolkata, in 1959, followed by the Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum (VITM), Bengaluru, in 1965. NCSM was established in 1978 and has since expanded the science museum network across the country.

NCSM currently directly administers 26 Science Museums and Science Centres, while another 29 centres have been handed over to State Governments and other authorities. Around 30 projects, including Science Museums, Science Centres, digital planetariums and innovation hubs, are also under development.

Science City, Kolkata, a unit of NCSM under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, was established as the first Science City in India and inaugurated on July 1, 1997, by the

then Prime Minister Inder Kumar Gujral.

The complex houses several major facilities, including Space Odyssey, Dynamotion, Science Exploration Hall, Maritime Centre, Earth Exploration Hall and Science Park. These facilities use interactive exhibits, multimedia presentations and experiential learning methods to make complex scientific concepts accessible to visitors.

The delegation visited the Stimulation Centre, where visitors can understand scientific principles through demonstrations and hands-on activities. The Full Dome 3D Digital Theatre provided another immersive experience through large-format 2D and 3D digital projections covering themes related to science, astronomy and the natural world.

The Science Exploration Hall, spread over around 5,400 square metres, presents scientific concepts through interactive and enquiry-based exhibits. Its

themes include the formation of the Solar System, evolution of life, human evolution, India's science and technology heritage and emerging technologies.

A key attraction is Evolution of Life – A Dark Ride, which uses robotic animal models and audio-visual effects to portray major stages in the evolution of life across geological eras.

The delegation also explored the Earth Exploration Hall, which presents the Earth's geography, geology, biodiversity, natural processes and environmental systems through interactive and multimedia technologies. Exhibits on climate change and environmental challenges help visitors understand the impact of human activities on the planet.

Another important attraction, Science on a Sphere, uses a spherical visualisation system to display planetary datasets and demonstrate dynamic processes involving land, oceans and the atmosphere.

SIR hearings draw lukewarm response in Hyderabad

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THE Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Hyderabad district is facing a lukewarm response from voters, with a large majority of those served notices failing to turn up for mandatory hearings, even as only a week remains for the October 7 deadline.

Officials involved in the revision process have been conducting hearings to verify details of voters whose names and particulars require scrutiny. However, the poor turnout has emerged as a major concern. The difficulty in obtaining or producing required documents appears to be discouraging voters from attending the hearings.

A Booth Level Officer (BLO) at Malakpet said voters flagged under the no-mapping and anomaly categories are required to produce three to four categories of supporting documents during verification, which is proving difficult for many. Election authorities are also seeking clarifications over age-related anomalies, the BLO said.

Citizens said the prob-



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lem is particularly acute among families where there is a significant age difference between the present generation and their parents, as well as among siblings. Voters said clarifying age-related discrepancies has created difficulties in establishing family details, as the present verification process relies on digitised records, whereas entries were manually recorded earlier. The Assistant Electoral Registration Officer (AERO) of Charminar Assembly Constituency said anomaly cases would be verified and approved by AEROs or EROs. In no-mapping cases, the software will automatically forward the documents to the District Election Officer (DEO), who will verify the documents submitted against the notice.

Sharing his experience at hearing centres, he said many

electors were not turning up according to the schedule specified in the notices. "However, we are accepting documents and conducting hearings to ensure that no eligible voter is left out," he added.

Hyderabad DEO RV Kannan said the notice process was particularly significant as voters flagged during SIR verification may be required to furnish supporting documents. "The Election Commission has prescribed 12 different document requirements depending on the elector's date of birth, including documents relating to the elector and, where applicable, parents."

He urged voters who have received notices not to ignore them and to attend hearings with the necessary documents to safeguard their names in the electoral rolls.



Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy (right) reviewing a representation from farmers of Sivaru Venkatapur regarding alleged land rights issues on the Dharani portal, at the Secretariat in Hyderabad on Tuesday

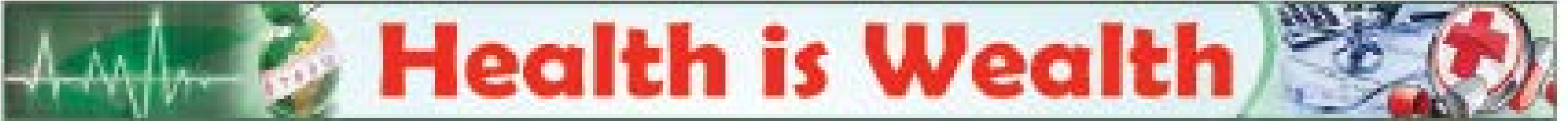
Ponguleti assures justice to Venkatapur farmers

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REVENUE Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy on Tuesday assured justice to farmers of Sivaru Venkatapur village in Markook Mandal under Gajwel Constituency of Siddipet District. After the aggrieved villagers submitted a formal representation alleging loss of rights over ancestral lands due to alterations on the Dharani portal, the Minister directed department officials to conduct a comprehensive probe, ascertain facts through revenue records, and ensure justice for eligible owners. A delegation of farmers, including Thummala Satyanarayana, Sheri Poshayya, Sheri Srikanth, Putta Vittal, Putta Dayanand, and Bachali Jahangir, met Srinivasa Reddy

at the Secretariat to submit their grievance petition.

According to the representation, villagers have been cultivating approximately 134 acres of agricultural land spread across Survey Numbers 38, 41, 47, 85, 88, and 100 on the outskirts of Venkatapur village for generations. However, they alleged that following the introduction of the Dharani portal, their land rights were severely affected due to record alterations, leading to loss of physical possession. Presenting pre-Dharani passbooks and historical village maps to the Minister, the farmers stated that officials of the previous administration had collected their original passbooks under the pretext of issuing new documents but failed to return replacement titles.



THE DECCAN HOSPITAL: EXPERT ADVICE ON PREVENTING “TECH NECK” IN THE DIGITAL AGE



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Prolonged Smartphone and Computer Use Can Lead to Neck and Shoulder Problems, Says Orthopaedic Expert Hyderabad. Smartphones, computers and other digital devices have become an integral part of

modern life. However, prolonged screen time, poor posture and lack of physical activity are increasingly contributing to neck, shoulder and upper-back discomfort.

The condition commonly referred to as "Tech Neck" occurs when the neck remains bent forward or downward for prolonged periods, placing additional strain on the muscles, joints and structures of the cervical spine.

According to Dr. Ajay Kumar Tiwari, Consultant Orthopaedic & Robotic Surgeon, The Deccan Hospital, Somajiguda, Hyderabad, people who spend several hours working on computers or using smartphones should pay particular attention to posture and regular movement.

Common Symptoms People experiencing technology-related neck strain may develop:

- Neck pain and stiffness
- Shoulder and upper-back discomfort
- Headaches associated with neck strain
- Reduced neck movement
- Muscle tightness and fatigue
- Pain that worsens after prolonged screen use
- Tingling, numbness or weakness in the arm or hand in some cases

"Neck pain should not always be considered a normal consequence of age or work. Persistent or recurrent symptoms require appropriate clinical assessment, particularly when pain is associated with numbness, tingling or

weakness," says Dr. Ajay Kumar Tiwari.

Prevention Through Simple Lifestyle Changes:

People who work for long periods at a desk should maintain proper ergonomics and avoid keeping the neck continuously bent forward.

- Dr. Tiwari recommends:
 - Keep computer and laptop screens close to eye level
 - Maintain proper back support while sitting
 - Keep the shoulders relaxed
 - Avoid prolonged downward viewing of mobile phones
 - Take regular short breaks during extended screen use
 - Perform appropriate neck and shoulder movements
 - Maintain regular physical activity

- Avoid self-medication for persistent pain
- Seek professional medical advice when symptoms continue

When Should You Consult an Orthopaedic Specialist?

Occasional discomfort after prolonged screen use may improve with rest, posture correction and appropriate exercises. However, persistent neck pain, pain radiating into the arm, numbness, tingling, weakness, balance problems or pain following an injury should not be ignored.

A detailed clinical examination can help identify whether symptoms are related to muscular strain, cervical spine degeneration, disc-related conditions or other underlying problems.

The Department of Orthopaedics at The Deccan Hospital, Somajiguda, Hyderabad, provides comprehensive evaluation and treatment for a wide range of bone, joint, muscle and spine-related conditions. The orthopaedic team provides care for conditions including:

- Knee and hip arthritis
- Joint pain and degenerative joint diseases
- Sports injuries
- Ligament and meniscus injuries
- Fractures and trauma
- Shoulder and elbow problems
- Spine and neck-related musculoskeletal conditions
- Joint and soft-tissue disorders

- Age-related bone and joint problems
- Knee and hip replacement surgery
- Robotic-assisted joint replacement, where clinically appropriate
- Post-operative rehabilitation and physiotherapy guidance

The hospital follows an integrated approach involving clinical evaluation, appropriate imaging and investigations, non-surgical management, surgical treatment when indicated, rehabilitation and follow-up care.

Advanced Joint Replacement and Robotic Surgery

For selected patients requiring joint replacement, modern surgical techniques, including robotic-assisted joint replacement, may be

considered based on the individual's condition, clinical findings and suitability for the procedure.

The goal is to provide appropriate treatment while helping patients regain mobility and improve their ability to perform daily activities.

Expert Advice

"Technology is an important part of our daily lives, but prolonged screen use should not come at the cost of our musculoskeletal health. Maintaining good posture, taking regular breaks and staying physically active can help reduce unnecessary strain on the neck and spine. If pain persists or neurological symptoms develop, timely medical evaluation is important."